

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are now pending in the application.

ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-30, drawn to a process, classified in class 264, subclass 155.
- II. Claim 31, drawn to a product, clasified in class 428, subclass 315.9.

The Examiner submits that these are distinct inventions for various reasons. The Applicant submits that the Groups set out by the Examiner are sufficiently related so as not to form an undue burden if all of the presently pending claims are examined together. The subject matter of Claim 31 can be formed according to the process recited in any of Claims 1-30.

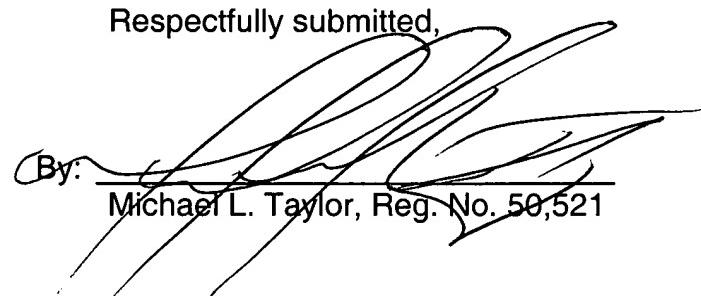
Nevertheless, to expedite prosecution of the present application the Applicant elects to have Group I (Claims 1-30) initially examined, with traverse. This election is made without disclaimer to the subject matter of Claim 31 and the Applicant reserves the right to assert the subject matter of Claim 31 in further applications if so desired.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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